

G.729 Consortium Updates Patent Pool IPR Royalty Pricing Options

Introduces a simpler process better aligned with industry practices for 2008

Montreal, Dec. 20, 2007 – Sipro Lab Telecom, the administrator of the G.729 Patent Pool which represents the essential IPR and has contributed to this popular communications standard developed by the G.729 Consortium members: France Telecom, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, and Université de Sherbrooke, announced today that the patent royalty pricing options available to end-product manufacturers will be modified as of January 1st, 2008. The main motivation for this update in pricing policy, after more than the nine years that the G.729 Consortium has been active, is to simplify and better align the licensing pricing terms with current telecommunications industry practice while streamlining the number of options available to two clear choices:

A royalty payments based on the number of channels deployed option, with an initial administrative fee, minimum annual commitment and a yearly resettable maximum cap.

A prepaid bank of G.729 channels (as the bank is depleted the licensee can either switch to Option 1 or prepay for an additional bank of channels).

The high-quality bandwidth efficient G.729 codec technology has been widely deployed in VoIP-based systems and devices worldwide to date and is expected to also play a substantial role as fixed-mobile networks converge towards pervasive packet-based communications. The G.729 Consortium expects that its updated Patent Pool pricing policy will facilitate the process for obtaining a license to deploy solutions leveraging this technology in a competitive environment by simplifying and clarifying the licensing choices. For more specific details on the terms related to these pricing options, those interested in obtaining a G.729 Consortium license are urged to please contact Sipro Lab Telecom at info@sipro.com at their earliest convenience. Sipro's team of experienced licensing experts can help advise you on choosing the most favorable option for your specific G.729 licensing needs.

About the G.729 Consortium

The G.729 Consortium holds over 200 patents essential to this ITU-T standard communications technology as declared by France Telecom, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, and Université de Sherbrooke. The Consortium has mandated Sipro Lab Telecom to promote and license the G.729 technology.

About Sipro Lab Telecom

Sipro, based in Montreal, Quebec, Canada was founded in 1994 with a mission to efficiently and effectively provide a comprehensive one-stop-shop for all IPR licensing-related services for the timely promotion and commercialization of standard telecommunications technologies. Our aim, on behalf of our clients and working closely with our partners, is to accelerate the global market adoption and success of these key technologies towards improving the quality and availability of communications around the world. To date, Sipro has helped over 150 companies worldwide conclude a G.729 Consortium patent license agreement.

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